

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/25/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20,22,24,26-34,37,38,41-45,48 and 49.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 10/13/2006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the applicant's attorney Mr. Daniel M. Gurfinkel on 10/13/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 20, line 3, "adapted" has been deleted; line 5, "adapted" has been deleted; line 8, "adapted" has been deleted; line 9, after "coupling", --,-- has been inserted.

Claim 22, line 3, "adapted" has been deleted; line 5, "adapted" has been deleted.

Claim 24, line 3, "adapted" has been deleted; line 5, "adapted" has been deleted; line 10, "wherein the cap portion of" has been deleted and --a cap portion having a surface,-- has been inserted; line 11, "is" has been deleted; line 16, "on its surface" has been deleted.

Claim 26, line 3, "adapted" has been deleted; line 5, "position" has been deleted and --portion-- has been inserted; line 6, "adapted" has been deleted; line 9, "a" first occurrence, has been deleted and --the-- has been inserted.

Claim 37, lines 1-2, "wherein the outer planar exposed surface of the nozzle plate is" has been deleted and --wherein the nozzle plate has an outer planar exposed surface-- has been inserted.

Claim 41, line 1, "claim 26" has been deleted and --claim 34-- has been inserted.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 20,22,24,26-34,37-38,41-45,48-49 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose or render obvious a tactical defense device in combination with the other claimed limitations of claim 20:

"an end cap for connection to the second of the connector coupling, the end cap defining an external thread"

The prior art fails to disclose or render obvious a tactical defense device in combination with the other claimed limitations of claims 22 and 26:

"wherein the switch mechanism includes a plunger actuator and an actuator button that carries a safety slide button; and wherein the switch mechanism further includes a guide pin and a coil compression spring".

The prior art fails to disclose or render obvious a tactical defense device in combination with the other claimed limitations of claim 24:

"wherein the switch mechanism includes a plunger actuator and an actuator button that carries a safety slide button; a cap portion having a surface, of the safety slide button formed with concentric rings".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick C. Nicolas whose telephone number is (571)-272-4931. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver, can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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